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AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 15-1642, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO UNIVERSITIES.

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1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Section 15-1642, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 15-1642. Financial aid trust fund; aid to students with
5 verifiable financial need; endowment

6 A. The Arizona board of regents may establish a financial aid trust
7 fund for the purposes of providing immediate aid to students with verifiable
8 financial need, including students who are underrepresented in the population
9 of university students or who by virtue of their special circumstances
10 present unique needs for financial aid, and creating an endowment for future
11 financial aid. Subject to the limitations provided in subsection B,
12 paragraph 3, the board may assess a surcharge upon registration fees paid by
13 students for deposit in the fund.

14 B. The board shall adopt rules to govern the financial aid trust fund,
15 including the following:

16 1. ~~Fifty~~ TWENTY-FIVE per cent of the monies received each year shall
17 be placed in the trust fund as a permanent endowment. The remaining monies
18 received shall be used for immediate aid for students with verifiable
19 financial need. At least ~~fifty~~ SEVENTY-FIVE per cent of the immediate aid
20 monies shall be used for grant aid.

21 2. The immediate aid monies shall be distributed to the universities
22 on a pro rata basis based on relative student contributions to the fund.

23 3. The surcharge on student registration shall not exceed one per cent
24 of the registration fee for students taking more than six credit surcharge
25 hours. The surcharge hours for students taking fewer than seven credit hours
26 shall equal one-half the surcharge assessed students taking more than six
27 credit hours.

28 C. Monies raised pursuant to the surcharge on student registration
29 shall be matched AT A RATIO OF TWO TO ONE by monies appropriated by the
30 legislature.

31 D. The board shall report every three years to the legislature on the
32 status of the financial aid trust fund. The report shall include the use to
33 which the monies have been put and the impact of such use.

34 E. Fund monies shall only be used in university assistance programs
35 approved by the board and such monies shall be in addition to, and not in
36 replacement of, existing state or institutional financial aid monies.
37 Assistance may be provided to full-time or part-time students. Monies
38 appropriated by this state shall not be used to provide assistance to
39 students who are not residents of this state.